

February 1993

Call for Ideas, Papers, Etc.

Editor

Follow this and additional works at: <https://docs.lib.purdue.edu/atg>



Part of the [Library and Information Science Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Editor (1993) "Call for Ideas, Papers, Etc.," *Against the Grain*: Vol. 5: Iss. 1, Article 22.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.7771/2380-176X.1323>

This document has been made available through Purdue e-Pubs, a service of the Purdue University Libraries. Please contact epubs@purdue.edu for additional information.

both vegetarian and non-vegetarian, also routinely available at restaurants. There was the requisite number of receptions and social events, as well as tours of the many interesting sights in and around Delhi. Area libraries were also open for tours and I took advantage of this to visit the New Delhi office of the Library of Congress.

One of the realities in India is the ubiquitous crowd, which was keenly felt even in the luxurious venue of the Conference. Waiting in line in India, whether at a railroad crossing or at the conference registration desk, is total chaos. The large number of people means that there are no orderly queues with each person politely waiting his/her turn; here, aggressiveness pays off and those not constantly pushing or demanding attention are most likely forgotten and left to linger at the fringes. Once this concept is grasped, however, the visitor can either manage with the condition or make arrangements to avoid it as much as possible. One way to do this is to arrive early or try to get service during the "slow" periods. Another approach is to hire a private car for a day of shopping or sight-seeing. The driver often doubles as tour guide or can get one who speaks reasonable

English. The guide does much more than point out the sights, however, as he finesses his (and your) way around beggars, pays entry fees, and introduces you to the ultimate shopping experience ("Just use your American Express, Madam. The bill won't arrive for six months!")

Although this was my first trip to Asia, I found many familiar circumstances that I have observed elsewhere: most notably, the lack of resources in public libraries and publicly-supported institutions, while the private research institutes are endowed with all the best. In Madras I saw two private research institutes within a few blocks of each other, which my hostess told me both owned *Chemical Abstracts*, while her own university library lacked the most basic reference materials.

The computer seems like the ideal solution to address the shortage of resources; however, another condition that prevails in India is the lack of a reliable source of electricity. It is not uncommon to walk down a street and find a small generator in front of each shop. During the monsoon the electricity might fail, cutting off the lights and

continued on page 54

Call For Ideas, Speakers, Etc.

The 1993 (12a) Charleston Conference
Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition: Bubble, Bubble, Toil & Trouble
November 4-6, 1993
Charleston, SC

The 1993 Charleston Conference will deal with issues regarding acquisitions, collection development and technical services; scholarly publishing and selection of print, electronic and other materials; vending of materials; standards; and issues which impact the world of publishing, vending and acquiring and accessing materials in the library environment. Discussion of online acquisitions systems and services is also of interest.

The 1993 Charleston Conference will have several new features — including "Conversations at Breakfast" and "Conversations at Supper" as well as old standbys such as "Lively Lunches." If you are interested in lead-

ing a discussion, acting as a moderator, or would like to make sure that we discuss a particular topic, please let us know. The Charleston Conference prides itself on innovation, flexibility and informality. If there is something you are interested in doing, please try it out on us. Nothing ventured . . .

Send ideas by **April 15, 1993** to: **Judy Webster**, Guest Coordinator, 1993 Charleston Conference; Head, Acquisitions and Processing Team; University of Tennessee Library; 1015 Volunteer Blvd.; Knoxville, TN 37996-1000. Phone (615)974-4431; FAX (615)974-2708; Internet: Webster@UTKLIB.LIB.UTK.EDU.✉

Use Internet to

UnCover Articles...

Anytime, Anywhere



The Database.

UnCover—Access to over 2 million articles from 12,000 multidisciplinary periodicals worldwide.



The Delivery.

UnCover2—Fax delivery of full text in 24 hours or less.

Check It Out.

Dial-up: 303-758-1551
 Internet: pac.carl.org
 Contact CARL Systems at 303-758-3030 for a temporary password.



systems, inc.

3801 East Florida Avenue
 Suite 300
 Denver, Colorado 80210
 FAX: 303-758-0606
 Internet:
 mwhittaker@carl.org